

Dates for the Diary

- 23-27 May** Preschool morning tea week – please stay for a cuppa and small treat at drop-off time.
- 13 June (Mon)** Queen’s birthday public holiday
- 14 June (Tues)** Parent Committee Meeting at preschool – 7pm. Come and get involved – it would be great to see some new faces!
- 1 July (Fri)** Pupil-free day @ Preschool

Upcoming Parent Committee Dates

Tuesdays at 7pm: 19 July, 16 August, 13 September; 11 October; 15 November and 6 December

Preschool Notices



Volunteer Marshals Needed

Our 4th Annual Bush Fun Run is being held on Sunday 21 August at Welby Hockey Fields and the surrounding Mt Alexandra bush fire trails. With three tracks (10km, 5km and 2km) and over 400 registrants, we need help with track marshalling and drink stations on the day.

If anyone has a relative or friend who would be interested in helping, please contact Mittagong Preschool on 02 4871 1109 or email: mpsfunrun@hotmail.com

More details can be found on our website: www.mittagongpreschool.org.au

All volunteers need to complete a “Working with Children” check



Call for Handy Parents

To all handy parents, we need your help with a number of maintenance jobs around the preschool:

- Painting old lockers.
- Installing child safety locks for Koala room kitchen cupboards.
- Repairing the following:
 - Possum room apron stand
 - Outdoor home corner sink

If you can spare some time to help, please see Pauline or Leanne.

Director's Report



The freezing cold weather since the start of Term 2 has been unbelievable!

Luckily we have changed to the Autumn/Winter Program, starting off in the indoor environment and venturing outside at 11.30am when it has warmed up a bit.

Talking about warmth – please remember to send warm beanies and coats to preschool for your children as it can be windy and cold outside.

Just a reminder that if you do take home preschool's spare clothes, please wash them and return them at your earliest convenience – thanks!

Also, if anyone has spare clothes at home that your child has grown out of, such as track pants or leggings, please send them in as we run short of spare clothes at this time of year.

Regarding preschool maintenance, I would like to thank Brad and Bettina Warne for their help with poisoning weeds and edges over the holidays, as well as pressure washing and oiling the bridge.

Thanks also to Katie Contre for typing up all the email contacts so we can now email newsletters and notes.

You will be receiving an email soon with the May newsletter. Please reply to the email if you wish to change your email details or if you want to receive

a copy of the newsletter/notes in your child's file in addition to your emailed copy.

Please note that permission forms will need to be printed and signed for return to preschool - encrypted or scanned signatures will not be accepted.

Invoices and receipts will not be emailed to families though as our accounting software package does not allow it.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Mother's Night on 4 May. We had very positive feedback regarding the night and the presents. We really appreciate your support of all preschool events.

Special thanks to Ana Mino-Cruz for planning the night and cooking for it. Thanks also to her mum Lydia and Paula Williams for helping with the cooking and preparation, as well as Ana's son Alexander for helping his mum to run around on the preschool's behalf. Big thanks as always to Deanna Pagnini for her cooking efforts and to Annie DiNatale for making a delicious pie.

In staff news, Ellen Craig will continue her TAFE Diploma practicum in the Koala room until June.

Over the next few weeks, there are a few activities worth mentioning. Throughout week 4 (16–20 May) we will be practicing fire and accident drills. We will also be having a morning tea during week 5 (from 23–27 May), so please stop in at drop-off time for a cuppa and a small treat.

Thanks, *Pauline Iacono*



President's Report

I am happy to report that it was a quiet holidays for the preschool with no emergencies and no construction projects needing to be done!

I hope all mothers, grandmothers and special friends enjoyed the Mother's Night at preschool on 4 May. For some of us, this was our last Mother's Night and I know I speak for all of us when I say how much we will miss them next year. It was wonderful to see how proud and happy the children were as they were giving their mums the beautiful presents that they made.

A big thank you to our social events coordinator Ana, who, in addition to organising the event, also made the hot entrees and one of the desserts (thanks also to Paula Williams and to Ana's mum who helped with the catering as well).

Thanks also to the staff for helping the children make the presents, getting them ready for their performance, for cooking and serving the sausages on the night and for ensuring that the

mums had first access to the chocolate cake before the kids demolished it!

The time is fast approaching for the Bush Fun Run on 21 August. We are so lucky to have seven parents on our Fun Run committee, who have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that this year's event is as successful (or even more so) than it has been in the past.

Please put the date in your diaries now and encourage friends and relatives to come out and participate. It is also a good time to start training for the 5km or 10km runs!

The committee will soon be giving us all opportunities to help out before or on the day itself – keep an eye out for those signs/notices and sign up where you can.

As always, thanks to all our families, staff and community members who make Mittagong Preschool a truly wonderful place.

Cheers, *Deanna Pagnini*

Community Notice

SHINING STARS BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKETS



Great quality pre-loved and new/promotional stalls for babies and children from birth to 12 years. Bargain buys at bargain prices!

**CLOTHING – PRAMS – BOOKS – TOYS
CAR SEATS – FURNITURE – SHOES – MORE**

When: Sunday, 29 May 2011
Time: 9.30am—12.30pm
Where: KAZCARE Education Facilities Hall
(formerly Bowral Steiner School)
Cnr Kirkham & Centennial Rds, Bowral
Entry Cost: \$2.00 per adult. Kids u16 free (% donated to charity)
Contact: Melissa on 0421080550 or
shiningstarsbabymarket@hotmail.com
Find us on FACEBOOK

Interested in a stall?

Turn all those unwanted quality baby and children's items into some well deserved cash

- Pre-book your stall early – **limited stalls available**
- Pre-loved, new and handmade products welcome
- Get to clear out cupboards

Phone Melissa today on 0421080550 to book.

Fundraising Update: Bush Fun Run News #1



As many of you know, our Bush Fun Run has been held over the last three years and is the major fundraiser for the preschool. Due to its ongoing success, it has grown into an annual community event, now a permanent fixture on any Southern Highlands calendar.

In 2010 we had over 430 registrants, travelling from as far afield as Sydney, Canberra, Goulburn and Wollongong, as well as those of us who just enjoyed the event as a family outing. We have received positive feedback about the great carnival atmosphere on the hockey fields, the event organisation and high standard of the tracks.

Last year we raised around \$6,000, which went towards the upgrade of the outdoor stage area with its amazing murals, creating a truly imaginative play area for all our children to enjoy. This year we hope to raise funds to upgrade the fair garden area and to update preschool resources, such as educational toys and equipment.

The Fun Run Committee has been meeting regularly over the past months and the arrangements are progressing well. The field amusements and utilities (such as drink stations, portaloos etc) have all been approached for their support this year. We have confirmation now from the Miniature Railway, Custom Rodz cars and Bowral Farmyard Friends.

Race and raffle prize givers have already been contacted and we have confirmation from our major sponsor Step into Life (an outdoor group

fitness training program), who will again provide all of the cash race prizes. The new Gibraltar Hotel has offered us a sensational accommodation, lunch and golf package for our top raffle prize. Other raffle prizes are from local businesses such as Vitarose Swimming, Contours, Neenys Playhouse, Moss Vale Gymnastics, Mittagong Tenpin Bowling, Empire Cinema and Bowral Health Club.

This month we are approaching other entertainment options, such as a local school band, Moss Vale Gymnastics and a puppet show to enhance the carnival atmosphere, confirming our catering partners for the day and finalising the track details.

Promotion for the event is well underway – we will feature in the Southern Highlands Visitors Guide (print and website); websites for Cool Runnings, Runners World, ABC Big Diary; and we will be approaching radio stations ABC Illawarra and 2ST, as well as Community Connect on Prime and Win TV. All past registrants will also receive a letter telling them about this great event.

If you have any feedback from last year or other input, please feel free to contact us via the preschool hotmail mpsfunrun@hotmail.com. Further event details can also be found on the Mittagong Preschool website: www.mittagongpreschool.org.au

The money raised will benefit our children's education at the preschool, so please contribute in any way you can.

****Look out for our "WANTED Volunteer Marshals" ad in this newsletter and for the parent help notices we will hang up at the preschool soon.**

Yours in fun,

Fun Run Committee members:

Jane Boadle, Kate Sarty, Nicole Bertram-Smith, Caroline Verity, Sharone French, Katie Contre, Sylvia Brandmayr

Bush Fun Run Details

WHEN: Sunday 21 August, 7.30am (registration) –2pm
WHERE: Welby Hockey Fields and surrounding fire trails.
DISTANCE: 10km (8.45am), 5km (10:15am), 2km (11am)
PRIZES: Cash and vouchers
DETAILS: www.mittagongpreschool.org.au
CONTACT: mpsfunrun@hotmail.com

